

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a divisional of co-pending Application No. 09/685,023, filed on October 10, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 113614/2000 filed in Japan on April 14, 2000 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 12, line 20 with the amended paragraph below:

Sensory evaluation of the fish sauces of the Examples and the Comparative Examples and the untreated fish sauce was then made. First, a 5% dilution of each of the fish sauces was prepared, and evaluated by 16 trained panelists who assigned a score ranging from 1 to 5 points, with 5 representing strong characteristics and 1 weak. Desirability was also evaluated in terms of a five point scale, with 1 ~~5—points~~ point representing most desirable characteristics and 5 ~~1 points~~ the least. The results are shown in table 2.